

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated June 22, 2007. Claims 40, 41, 44, 50, 51, 54, 60, 64 and 65 are in the application, with Claims 64 and 65 having been added. Claims 40 and 50 are the independent claims. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

The Applicants and their undersigned attorney thank Examiner Rudolph for his courtesies and thoughtful treatment afforded during an interview conducted by telephone on September 21, 2007. Also present at the interview was Supervisory Examiner King Poon. Applicants' Statement of the Substance of the Interview follows.

At the interview, amendments to independent Claims 40 and 50 were proposed to further specify the production lot information, and to further specify that the consumable parts of the consumable unit are consumable hardware parts. Examiner Rudolph tentatively indicated that such claims would be allowable over Spurr.

Additionally, Examiner Rudolph suggested amending new dependent Claim 64 to further explain the types of consumable parts, for example to recite "wherein the consumable unit is a process cartridge including at least one of a photoconductor and a charging roller".

Therefore, Claims 40 and 50 have been amended in accordance with the proposed amendments. In addition, Claims 41 and 51 have been amended in accordance with the changes to Claims 40 and 50, and new Claims 64 and 65 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions.

In light of the agreements made during the interview and the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request same.

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